



Regional Defense Counterterrorism Fellowship Program

*Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict*

Section 8125: Creation of the CT Fellowship



Defense Appropriations Act of 2002:

SEC. 8125. In addition to amounts provided elsewhere in this Act, \$17,900,000 is hereby appropriated for the Secretary of Defense, to remain available until expended, to establish a **Regional Defense Counter-terrorism Fellowship Program**: Provided, That funding provided herein may be used by the Secretary to fund foreign military officers to attend U.S. military educational institutions and selected regional centers for non-lethal training: Provided further, That United States Regional Commanders in Chief will be the nominative authority for candidates and schools for attendance with joint staff review and approval by the Secretary of Defense: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense shall establish rules to govern the administration of this program.

CT Fellowship Program Objectives



- Educate foreign military officers directly involved in the war on terrorism.
- Build the counterterrorism capabilities and capacity of friendly countries.
- Provide countries with the tools to enable them to sustain and grow counterterrorism capabilities.



- The CT Fellowship will be a flexible tool to further US, Department of Defense, and combatant command priorities in a region.
- Will allow tailored, focused development of CT capacity.
- Can provide funding to develop new courses and programs.
- The program will have primarily long-term benefits.

A Flexible Tool



*Making use of old methods and technologies
to do new and creative things.*

Basic Elements



- A global program targeting top priority countries in the war on terrorism.
- New authority for DoD - Educational approach will be different from International Military Education and Training (IMET) and Expanded IMET (E-IMET).
- Program will include a combination of
 - 1) education in the U.S.,
 - 2) training in targeted countries, and
 - 3) regional training.
- Regional Combatant Commands will nominate candidates.
- SO/LIC will oversee the program with Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) administration.

CT Fellowship and Security Assistance



- The CT Fellowship will complement existing security assistance programs.
 - Will “fill the gaps” by developing programs not currently available to foreign students.
 - CT Fellowship represents increased flexibility to respond to changing environments
 - Provides the ability to produce customized educational programs.
- DSCA will administer the CT Fellowship - building on the existing security assistance systems and networks.
- Wherever possible, IMET standards and procedures will be used.
 - Minimizes the need to create a duplicate system.

Selection Criteria for the Countries



Country Selection Criteria

- Terrorist threat in the country.
- The Country's willingness to participate in combined counterterrorism efforts.
- Capability and capacity of military to wage counterterrorism efforts.
- Ability to leverage other existing or planned Defense security cooperation programs.
- Country needs and requirements.

Country Allocations FY02-03



	FY 02/03	(Dollars in Millions)	
Afghanistan	0.9		
Algeria	0.2		
Azerbaijan	0.2		
Bosnia	0.2		
Colombia	1.0		
Djibouti	0.3		
Georgia	1.0		
Greece	0.2		
Indonesia	3.7		
Jordan	1.4		
Kazakhstan	0.2		
Kenya	0.4		
Kyrgyzstan	0.2		
Malaysia	0.5		
Mali	0.2		
Malta	0.3		
Morocco	0.2		
Nigeria	0.2		
Pakistan	1.4		
Paraguay	0.2	Country Totals	15.9
Peru	0.2		
Philippines	1.5	Curriculum Development	
Tajikistan	0.2	Capacity Expansion	
Turkey	0.5	Admin Costs	2.0
Uzbekistan	0.4		
Yemen	0.2	TOTAL	17.9

Building the Program



\$2 Million allocated for program development

- Curriculum development
- Capacity expansion of existing courses
- Administrative costs

Candidate Selection



- Currently limited to Foreign Military Officers
- Candidates will be nominated by country team and combatant command, reviewed by the Joint Staff, and approved by ASD SO/LIC. Ambassador approves each participant.
- Priorities:
 - Those who are directly involved in counterterrorism
 - Those who support counterterrorism
 - Other military officers

Course Selection



- Courses not limited to “counterterrorism.”
- Educational focus rather than tactical training.
- Primary emphasis is on bringing candidates to the US for a full educational experience where they are side by side in the classroom with their US peers.
- Existing courses are being used when available and appropriate.
- Mobile educational teams and seminars are being incorporated in a balanced approach.
- New courses/programs are being developed to fill gaps in what is currently available.
- Each country is unique. Planners are being encouraged to build creative programs tailored to the specific needs of the participating countries.

Long-term Planning



- Legislation permanently authorizing the CT Fellowship is among the Secretary's top legislative priorities.
- As the program matures, a wider range of course offerings will be available. Courses and programs will come from a variety of sources.
- This program is a high priority of the Secretary and the Deputy Secretary.